# SOAKING RAINS SAVE GREAT COTTON CROP.

# **DROUGHT SLOWLY BUT SURELY** YIELDING TO GENERAL RAINS.

Southwestern and Portions of Northern Missouri, Central and Southern Kansas and Parts of Indian Territory and Oklahoma Were Drenched-Crops Have Been Benefited and Good Pasturage Made Almost a Certainty-Governor's Proclamation Setting Aside a Day of Prayer Will Be Observed.

#### PREDICTIONS FOR FURTHER DOWNPOURS PLEASE FARMERS.

Government weather officials see the end of the drought in the great corn belt. In some parts of the arid sun-baked and wind-swept corn lands the relief has arrived; in others it is due, and in practically all the promise is for a cessation of hot, dry conditions and general rains. Showers are promised throughout the Southwest country. There the officials see an end to the heat and drought, but in the far Northwest a prolonged heated period is expected. This may affect some of the crops there, but the wheat is practically safe, and harvesting is too near for the drought to do much more than delay the garnering.

Nebraska is dryest of all the corn States. Yet scattered rains have brought revived hope, and prospects for rains are good. Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin and Kansas have been cheered by fairly general showers, and what rain has fallen is regarded as an earnest that more will follow.

Good rains are reported in sections of Louisians, Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, Indian Territory and Oklahoma. It is likely that the precipitation will help the cotton belt.

#### THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHWEST.

Further good rains following those of yesterday fell after midnight and during yesterday in many points in the Southwest.

The area covered was principally in Southwestern Missouri, Central and Southern Kansas, and in the central part of the Indian and Oklahoma country. The heaviest fall was in Sedgwick County, in which Wichita is situated, and where nearly 2% inches of water fell. The rains have assured the prospects of

half a crop of corn and gone further toward making good pasturages a certainty. The average temperature in the Southwest to-day was considerably lower than that for the last two weeks. At Kansas City the highest reached

five days, although fair showers have fallen both south and east of this point during

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Chillicothe, Mo., July 18.—There has been

ro relief from the drought, with the ther-mometer hovering around the 110 mark. One

prostration has been reported.
NINETY-SIX IN SHADE AT HAVANA.

Havana, Ill., July 18.—The thermometer has stood at 96 in the shade here to-day.

There is no indication of rain here to-night.
ATTORNEY OVERCOME BY HEAT.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Texarkana, Tex., July 18.—Judge Emil F. Friedell, a prominent lawyer of this city, was overcome by the heat while attending

to some legal business at New Boston, Tex., to-day. He had to be brought here upon a litter, His condition is not considered seri-

TEXAS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Dallas, Tex., July 18.—Showers fell near

readings over the Texas cotton growing rereadings over the Texas cotton growing re-gion at 7 a. m. were: Dallas—Partly cloudy, no rain, 88; Texarkana—Cloudy, no rain, 90; Paris—Raining moderately, 84; Clarksville— Cloudy, good rain for one hour this after-

oon, 84; Bonham-Raining moderately, 84; ort Worth-Cloudy, 90; Gainesville-Light

clouds, 22: Waco-Light clouds, no rain, 90; Beiton-Cloudy, no rain, 36; Corsicana-Light clouds, 30; Austin-Clear, 31; San An-tonio-Clear, 30; Houston-Partly cloudy, 36;

REFRESHING RAINS REPORTED.

PINE RAIN NEAR PLORENCE, ALA.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Florence, Ala., July 18.—General rains fell to-day and yesterday over this section, and corn is saved. The reports are more fa-

vorable for the corn crop, which was despaired of for several days when the hot winds were drying up the vegetation.

LITTLE BREAK IN DROUGHT.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Ramsay, Ill., July 18.—A little break was made in the drought here by a shower last night. Mercury touched 163 to-day.

HEAVY DOWNPOUR AT LITTLE ROCK

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Little Rock, Ark., July 18.—A heavy rain

fell in Little Rock this afternoon. Reports from the interior say the rain extended to

plantations several miles from Little Rock and did great good to the crops of all

FOR THREE HOURS RAIN FELL.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Nokomis, Ill., July 18.—Heavy rains beginning snortly before midnight last night succeeded in effectually breaking the long, ter-

rible drought in this section. For over

three hours the rain fell, only ceasing for a few minutes at a time. The baked lands

drank it up readily, and by this afternoon all vegetation showed a greener and fresher appearance

EXHORTS EVERYBODY TO PRAY.

Fulton Pastor Asks Country People

to Attend Church Sunday.

Fulton, Mo., July 18.—The Reverend J. H. Jackson, pastor of the Main Street Methodist Church, in speaking for all the ministers of Fulton, gave The Republic correspondent the following statement this morning:

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

-Clear, 90.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

WEBSTER COUNTY DRENCHED, I have fallen here for more than seventy-REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Marshfield, Mo., July 18.—For the last few
days Webster County has been receiving
local showers, and to-day is experiencing
what promises to be a general rain through-

out the county. DOWNPOUR IN WRIGHT COUNTY.

DOWNPOLE IN WRIGHT COUNTY.

\*\*REPUBLIC SPECIAL\*\*

Hartville, Mo., July 18.—Wright County had a good rain Wednesday, but it came too late to save the corn crop. Oats and meadows are ruined. Rivers are very low, but the wells and springs are lolding cut remarkably well, considering the drought. LIVELY WIND AT EAST PRAIRIE, MO.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Charleston, Mo., July 18.—A severe storm
passed over the country about East Prairie
last night.

A tree was blown upon James Freer and his leg was broken. Two warehouses filled with grain at East Prairie were wrecked. A barn on William Denton's farm was demolished, and trees and growing corn were flattened to the earth. A heavy rainfall accompanied the wind.

The country traversed was about 200 yards wide and three miles long. Neither wind blew nor rain fell in any other part of the country.

of the country.

RAIN ACCOMPANIED BY WIND.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Sedalia, Mo., July 18.—A destructive windstorm, accompanied by a heavy fail of rain, passed over Lecton, Johnston County, twenty-five miles west of hers, this svening A number of smail buildings were carried off their foundations and much damage was done to trees and fences. No fatalities have been reported.

Dallas, Tex., July 18.—Showers fell near Dallas this afternoon, but did not reach the city. The temperature was moderated about 10 degrees, however. Rain fell at Ennis, thirty miles south, and at Terrell, thirty miles east. Showers were also reported at Paris, Clarksville and Bonham, in the Red River Valley. These rains were not sufficient to materially help the crop situation. Cotton is suffering and is seriously menaced. The weather conditions and thermometer

County to-day, and the probabilities are good for heavy rains to-night.
LOOKING FOR RAIN IN BATES.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Butler, Mo., July 18.—Bates County was visited by a light shower this evening, and indications are that a heavy rain will fall

KINGSTON GETS GOOD WETTING. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Kingston, Mo., July 18.—Local showers fell throughout this section this evening and somewhat relieved the drought situa-tion. An inch and a half of rain fell here, the heaviest rainfall for more than sixty days. Early corn here will not make a half crop and pastures are burned up and water is becoming scarce. The rain of this evening will be a great benefit to this

COD RAISS IN NORTHERN MISSOURI E. Joseph, Mo., July 13.—Good rains fell in some sections of Northern Missouri this afternoon. In the vicinity of St. Joseph the maintall was not as heavy as in other parts of the country, but the fall was sufficient to lay the dust and do some good to vegetables. WILL UNITE IN PRAYERS FOR RAIN.

EPUBLIC SPECIAL licothe, Mo., July 18.—The pastors of the Chillicothe churches this afternoon decided to hold union services at the Presby-

terian Church Sunday evening, at which prayer will be offered for rain, in accordance with the Gosernor's proclamation.

Prayer for rain will also be offered at all the churches Sunday morning. Father Honrius Busch of St. Columbian's Catholic Church has been praying for rain following NOT ENOUGH RAIN TO DO GOOD.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

De Soto, Mo., July 18.—A very light shower of rain fell here to-day, but not enough to do any good. In fact, the humidity in the air after the showers and the hot rays of

Crops.

These are the first drops of rain that

### A GLORIOUS SCENE.

The Electric Tower as Viewed From Statler's Hotel Delights All Beholders.

The Electric Tower at the Pan-American ion is a source of never-ending delight to the thousands who nightly enjoy t. Viewed from Statler's Hotel, it is a sight never to be forgotten. By the bye, the erroneous idea that accommodations are hard to obtain in Buffalo should be prompt-ly dismissed. One of the editors of the St. Paul Dispatch says:

hard to obtain in Buffalo should be promptly dismissed. One of the editors of the St. Paul Dispatch says:

"When you reach Buffalo, walk two blocks to Main street and there take the Main Street or Elimwood Avenue car, which in about 30 or 30 minutes will land you at Statler's and the Exposition, as the hotel adjoins the grounds and is itself one of the wonders of the Exposition. Altho' but three stories high, it is the largest hotel in the world, having 2,100 rooms, and its arrangements are such that persons of moderate means may visit the Pan-American without incurring the usual prohibitive expenses usual at such gatherings. You can get a neat, clean room, good meals, promptly and nicely served and every needs accommodation for \$2.00 and \$1.50 per day, including breakinst all evening dinner. The dining-rooms will seat \$1.00 and the morning we left 1,000 people were getting their breakinst all at one time. Excursion parties of \$30 and over are swallowed up and go unnoticed, while so systematic are all the details of management that each one is fully cared for without a hitch. This is not said to puff Mr. Statler, for we paid for all we got, but simply to save the Minnesota feedble and others who go to Buffalo unmiscosary expense and trouble."

Don't let people either on the trains or the world the people of the room of surface and the good of the statler will refund the cables of the save as a day for fasting and prover that the drought that aready dedicated to religious service such that already dedicated to religious service and that already dedicated to religious service and the already dedicated to religious service and the already dedicated to religious service and the special effort to all the people to make special effort to expect the day designated, and now call on all the people to make special effort to expect the day designated, and now call on all the people to make special effort to keep the spirit of the proclamation. The Sunday morning services in our Fulcon. "Let our friends in the fount to all



# **BULLISH MARKET FOR** COTTON CONTINUES

Heavy Buving for Good Interests on New York Exchange - Effort to Break Prices Fails.

REPUBLIC SPECIALA New York, July 18.-There was no letup in the forward advance in cotton values in the local market to-day, and prices for the late months reached the record figures of the season thus far.

Behind the buying, which was far from general, but proved to be for very good interests, were numerous reports of crop damage by drought from the western and central belt and forecasts for continued dry conditions to-night and to-morrow. The special rain reports from the district west of Georgia noted very light showers only. New Orleans was slow to respond to our strength, but in the end was forced to join in the general improvement here, later Liverpool was bullish from the first, and in reality started the uplift in the local pit, which was later carried out by the bullish reports from the crop country. The opening was steady, with prices 2 to 3 points higher. This hesitation in responding to firm cables was but momentary, for pit buying and the appearance of outside buying orders turned the scale positively

There was scarcely a turn in the course of the market for the rest of the morning, and by noon August was selling at 7.34, REFRESHING RAINS MEET VALUE REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bonham, Tex., July 18.—Refreshing rains fell in several parts of Fannin County this afternoon, breaking the seven weeks' drought in this section.

The corn crop was too far gone to be benefited, and will be cut short 50 per cent.

Cotton is doing well. October at 7.82, and January at 7.87. Just pefore the noon hour the leading bulls made a feint at selling out, presumably for the purpose of starting a general selling move-ment for profits, in order that they might increase their holdings at a lower range of ever, as prices reacted barely 4 points, and was followed by a marked rise throughout the list on active Wall street, southern and

> morning of 7 to 11 points, with January the strong feature. Near the opening July de-veloped sudden strength and ran up 13 points to 8.39 on a scare of shorts, later selling off to 8.30.

August was comparatively quiet, and collowed the rest of the list sympathetically, yet conservative operators expressed the opinion that August would yet become the strong feature of the market, the belief being that the July clique would not sacrifice its cotton by delivering it on August ontracts, as the greater portion of the trade seem to anticipate.

### THE WEATHER.

To-Day's Forecast.

Washington, July 18.—Forecast: Illinois—Fair Friday and Saturday; warn saturday near the lake; light, northeast to e saturday near the lake; light northeast to east winds. Iowa—Fair, continued warm Friday and Saturlowa-Fair, continued warm Friday and Saturday, east to southeast winds.

Missouri-Fair, continued warm Friday and Saturday; variable winds.

Nebraska-Fair, continued warm Friday and Saturday; variable winds.

Arkansas-Showers, Friday, and warmer in central portion. Saturday fair; warmer; variable winds. winds.

Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Kansas-Generally fair; continued warm Friday and Saturday; warm southwardly winds.

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E. E. SPENCER, Observer in Charge.

# HEAT IN EUROPE BREAKS ALL RECORDS.

London Fairly Baking-Water Supplies Growing Limited-Soldiers Heavily Clad Fall Dead.

London, July 18 .- The heat to-day is exceeding all previous records of the season, the official record being 87 degrees. The en-tire absence of any breeze adds to the discomfort of the heat. The prolonged drought over the country threatens to be the most serious yet experienced. The water supply of Manchester is already shut off from 8 clock at night until 5 in the morning and the streets of the city will no longer be watered after this week.

Great Britain had no such weather as this before in eleven years. The temperature was 98 in the shade to-day at South Sea and Billinborough, Lincolnshire. Lower temperatures were recorded at other points. The torrid sun caused the asphalt to soften and the tar in wood paving to bubble. The number of deaths and sunstrokes has not been reckoned up, but those and the attempts at suicide in consequence of the heat are de-

fered dreadfully, two dropping dead in con-sequence. The War Office is relaxing reg-ulations in some factories, substituting night for day work.

The Meteorological Office announces that there are no signs of a change, and Londoners are dismayed at the prospect of another roasting day, with little ice and few alleviations of the subtropical heat.

Soldlers on duty in ordinary clothing suf-

PARIS SWELTERING AT 88 DEGREES. Paris, July 18.—The temperature here to-day reached 88 degrees Fahrenheit. BRUSSELS THERMOMETERS AT 04. Brussels, July 18.—The intense heat con-tinues, the temperature reaching 94 degrees Fahrenheit in this city to-day.

RELIEF IN AMSTERDAM. Amsterdam, July 18.—To-day brought re-lief from the intense heat, the mercury falling to 72 degrees, a decline of 13. FROSTY WEATHER IN THE ALPS. Vienna, July 18.—Frosty weather now pre alls in the Austrian Alps.

LISBON NOT A SUMMER RESORT. Lisbon, July 18 .- The temperature to-day

#### MAY HAVE RAIN BEFORE SUNDAY Forecaster Spencer Says He Expects a Refreshing Downpour.

Forecaster Eugene E. Spencer, in charge of the local weather office in Doctor Hy-att's absence, says that unless something unlooked for intervenes, a refreshing downpour of rain should visit St. Louis before Sunday.

The humidity yesterday created a general impression that the thermometer had risen to at least 100 degrees. The mercury in the official Keather Bureau thermometer climbed no higher than 98 degrees, and remained at that point only a short time. Forecaster Spencer says that the temperature to-day probably will remain high unless rain comes before night to cool off the

atmosphere.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded in the hourly readings takenu at the Weather Bureau, follow: 5 a. m., 77; 6 a. m., 79; 7 a. m., 83; 8 a. m., 86; 9 a. m., 86; 10 a. m., 91; 11 a. m., 94; noon, 96; 1 p. m., 96; 2 p. m., 96; 3 p. m., 97; 4 p. m., 97; 5 p. m., 97; 6 p. m., 95; 7 p. m., 93.

#### VICTIMS OF HEAT EXHAUSTION. Three Persons Succumbed Yesterday, but Were Revived.

Frank Dalhe of No. 1718 South Third street, a baker for Frank Miller, at No. 2906 South Broadway, was overcome by the heat while at work yesterday morning. Doctor Pisher revived him at the South Side Dispensary and then he went home.

Dominick Carter, a laborer, was over-Dominick Carter, a moorer, was over-come by heat yesterday afternoon while riding in a wagon near Eleventh and Brook-lyn streets, and fell from the seat. He was picked up and carried to the office of Doc-tor A. Engel, No. 1160 Brooklyn street, who pronounced his condition not serious. He went to his home, No. 2124 Franklin avenue. Ben Payne, a negro, 4 years old of No 225 Walnut street, was overcome by heat yesterday afternoon at the corner of Nine teenth and Chestnut streets. Payne is an employe of Colonel Jack China, the well-

# OATS AND CORN SHOW BIG ADVANCE.

With Drought Only Partially Broken, Speculators Take On Large Lines.

### WHEAT DOES NOT DO SO WELL.

Market Shows a Decided Weakness-Rain Benefits Discounted.

did the strongest pulling to-day and landed oats at a greater advance than corn, which was next, and left wheat sulking in the rear at a trifle behind the point it left off yesterday.

The drought was only broken in spots and the hogs and herds of the great West the opening and continued in unabated force were considered likely to be in active competition soon for the inadequate surplus of those scattered cases in the burned-up regions. That feature of the situation was forced to the front and caused 140 rise in September oats and 1160 in corn, while wheat closed at 16c decline.

Northwestern messages made little of the reported hot-weather damage to wheat in South Dakota, and under that influence selling became popular, the result of which was another week spell, which lasted until September wheat got down to 674c.

### September Corn Reaches 52e

September corn, which sold at the start as low as 50 cents, rose first to 51% cents and after another short spell of nervous weakness, when it reacted to 50% cents, it started a second advance, which did not stop until it reached 52 cents. The rains that fell yesterday and during the night were at first thought to have been heavy enough to have been of great benefit, but were discovered later to have been no more than the same character of local thunderstorms that have been affording for a few days fitful gleams of hope for the

Cats were strong and active. The close was 1% cents up for September, and 1% cents up for July. There was a big trade

#### **BUMPER FOREIGN WHEAT CROPS** Russia and India Expect an Unusually Large Yield.

Washington, July 18.-The State Department is in receipt of interesting reports concerning the wheat crops of Russia and India. According to a report from Consul General Holloway at St. Petersburg, there are good reasons to hope that the wheat harvest of 1901 will exceed that of 1900. The spring wheat was more promising than the winter crop, the latter having suffered heavily from various causes. However, it is stated that the loss in the winter wheat crop will be balanced by the amount of

is stated that the loss in the winter wheat crop will be balanced by the amount of spring wheat sown.

Consul General Patterson at Calcutta states that the wheat yield for India, as a whole, is estimated at about 6,580,000 tons, about 8½ per cent more than the decennial average, and this under adverse conditions, such as cold weather, hall, insects and rust. The export of wheat from India this year, the Consul General says, probably will be greatly increased and may reach from 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 bushels.

Consul Fes at Bombay estimates India's harvest for this year at 6,600,000 tons, or 1.-

harvest for this year at 6,690,000 tons, or 1,-750,000 tons more than last year. The estimated area of growing wheat for the year is 22,500,000 acres, being about 5,000,000 acres more than the previous year.

### HEAT WORSE THAN WAR.

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Soldier Returned From Philippines
Stricken in Harvest Field.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Mattoon, Ill., July is.—Edward Robinson, who returned last week from two years' service soldiering in the Philippines, was stricken by heat in a hay field yesterday afternoon and will die.

During his entire stay in the Philippines Robinson was the only member of his company never sent to the beautiful.

United States Weather Office daily with in quiries about the rainfall throughout: the cotton belt of Texas.

Just now is the critical period, and it is impossible at the present time to make a prediction in regard to the effect of the drought on the cotton crop in the State. The plant is from three to four weeks late, and a fortnight ago it was practically at a standstill for lack of molisture.

No rain has fallen, with the exception of cocasional showers in a few localities, hence the apprehension and anxiety of the cotton mes, who say that if Texas is visited by a general rain in a very brief time, there might be an accellent upon of cotton. But it

# GOOD RAINS IN COTTON BELT; LOCAL SHOWERS PREDICTED.

BY E. E. SPENCER. Bureau Office.

The chances for rain at this time seem brighter than at any time in the last week-The area which probably will be visited by thunderstorms before Sunday extends and if we fail to get the rains it will be no fault of the signs, but of the hot weather. Though several slight changes of barometric conditions were noted yesterday, there are still no well-defined areas of high and low pressure, and until the difference 'lows" becomes more marked, there is but

little chance for heavy rains. The entire cotton belt received good rains yesterday. At New Orleans the hot dry inches yesterday, and the rain was still was pretty well soaked by a thunder shower, 1.22 inches of water falling. Montgomery, Ala., reported .26 inches of rainfall. Jack- mometer registered no higher than 36.

adjudged to mark the culmination of the

Stock Market Reactionary.

than were recorded at the close of business

yesterday, the stock market to-day became

quite reactionary, and the trading, which

business, fell away materially. Profit-taking

in exceedingly heavy volume set in right at

There was little or no change in the sev-

eral features of the situation now engaging

financial interests. The advices, both from

the crops and the labor difficulties in vari-

ous directions, showed no essential altera-

The fluctuations in the grain market, and

particularly in corn, were decidedly erratio

and indeed a rapid advance in the latter

staple in the morning appeared to have a

good deal of effect in bringing about the

Expect Strikers to Yield.

There was no modification of the views

now commonly held that the striking steel

workers will soon have to abandon their

contentions, but, on the other hand, the ab-

sence of any indications of an early sur-

render militated against a renewal of yes-

Notwithstanding the varying and some

what irregular movements in prices during

the course of the business session, the con-

centration of interest in St. Paul, Union

Pacific and Southern Pacific reflected a gen-

The lingering apprehensions respecting

the outlook for the corn crop led to quite

marked weakness in Atchison common and

to the sharp reactions which appeared in

these properties. Market movements other-

wise were not apparently influenced by par-

ticular causes, and the general list move

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sequent reaction.

Money Market Extremely Easy.

TEXAS COTTON GROWERS UNBASY.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Galveston, Tex., July 18.—The duration and pravalence of the drought is becoming a very serious feature. Cotton men are becoming alarmed and are bessiging the United States Weather Office daily with in-

throughout the day in more or less uni-

terday's rise in stock-market prices.

eral appreciation of this fact.

reaction in the stock market.

throughout the forenoon.

sonville, Fla., and Charlotte, N. C., re-Observer in Charge Local Weather | ported rainfall of .02 and .18 inches, respectively. The smaller towns not included in the Government reports were visited by

showers in many localities. This ranfall in the South should materially aid our chances for showers. The meistover the Central Mississippi Valley and ure from the storm area is carried north eastward, St. Louis included. It is often by winds, and when it spreads over the by winds, and when it spreads over the asserted that in hot weather all signs fail, Central West and East from the Mississip-

pi Valley rains should result.

The area of slightly high barometer which yesterday rested over the Dakotas was pushed back toward Canada yesterday and The highest temperature registered yestern pressure 'betwieen these "highs" and day was 110 at Duluth, Minn., which a week ago reported daily maximum tempers in the sixties. Salt Lake City. Utah, and Grand Junction, Colo., were the only other points which yesterday noted maxim spell was broken by a precipitation of 1.85 temperatures exceeding 100 degrees. A little thundershower at Philadelphia kept the coming down at a late hour last night. At mercury down there. The maximum at New Little Rock, Ark., which has suffered from York was only 83. Kansas City still doctors lack of rain, there was a precipitation of the showers, and yesterday the mercury so .14. Vicksburg reported .12 inches. Atlanta | that point went up as high as 100. St. Louis suffered from the humidity and the Free was of the oppressive sort. The ther-

# CENTRALIZATION OF CONTROL OF WESTERN TRANSPORTATION.

Wall Street Maferially Influenced by Settlement of the Northern Pacific Deal and Agreed Composition of the Board of Directors, Which Marks the Culmination of One of the Most Important Railway Transactions of the New Century-Community of Interests Now Controls Greatest Railway Systems of the

#### LABOR TROUBLE AND DROUGHT ALSO AFFECT STOCK MARKETS.

World.

New York, July 18.—From a merely spec- and indifferent. ulative point of view, yesterday afternoon **GRAIN DEALERS' COMBINE** late announcement respecting the composition of the Northern Pacific Board of Di-Kansas Farmers Cannot Sell Ex rectors, with all its vast significance, was

movement based upon that development, and was utilized to realize accrued profits upon the opening of business to-day.

In less mercurial circles, however, than those of speculative Wall street, the vast and beneficent importance of the Northern Pacific settlement was commonly realized as one of the more important steps forward in financial affairs in years. It is obvious now that the industry of transportation west of the Mississippi River has passed under a community of interests equal to, if not greater than, that prevailing in the rallway system of the country north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers.

Topeka, Kas., July 18.—Judge Butler, secretary of the Farmers' Co-operative Grain and Live Stock Association, has complained to the Attorney General of the State that the Kansas Grain Dealers' Association has combined to destroy the business of the small dealers. In support of his complaint Secretary Butler produces a lotter from a Cansas City grain commission firm to a customer in Tesectt, Kas. The firm's letter says, in part:

The grain business in this State bas so shaped itself that the only thing for us to do it to abide by the conditions exacted by the association. We cannot affect to have them blacklist us, and we regret very much that until you buy through an elevator we cannot consistently handle your business. With Bumper Crop in Prospect, the one of the more important steps forward in

cept Through an Elevator.

CAME JUST IN NICK OF TIME.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Topeka, Kas., July 18.—Reports from the counties where rain fell to day indicate that it carre in the nick of time to save fate corn. Early corn is ruined, but late corn and pasture will be all right.

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Lincoln, Neb., July 12.—While corn is being damaged every hour of the continued drought, the absence of hot winds for two days has made the injury less pronounced. The scattered showers of Monday and Tuesday have had a wonderful reviving industries.

RAIN PROSPECTS IN IOWA.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Dos Moines, Ia., July 18.—For the first time in several weeks of intense heat there was a light general rainfall last night and this morning in eastern and northern parts of Central Iowa. Director John R. Saga, of the Iowa Weather and Crop Service, mid that the outlook and conditions to-day are the best in two weeks, with prospect of improvement. The temperature here ranged from #1 to #1 to-day and the air was not so dry.

### ASSASSINATED A CONSUL

Ecuador's Representative at Val: paraiso Killed and Mutilated.

Valparaiso, July 18.—The Ecuadorian Conul General at Valparaiso, A. Arias Sanel was assassinated to-day in the center of the city. He was shot and stabbed and his ears were cut off. It is supposed that the assassins are ene-

mies of the present Alfaro administ Several Ecuadorians have been arre



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